

SENATE BILL 60

By Barnes

AN ACT to name a segment of State Route 48 in  
Montgomery County in honor of the late Joel  
Plummer.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor those exemplary public servants who, during their lifetimes, contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late Joel Plummer, who served his native Montgomery County with distinction as sheriff, trustee, and county executive; and

WHEREAS, a visionary leader, Mr. Plummer personified the concept of public service and served as a mentor for his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Plummer's thirty-eight year career in public service was highlighted by his productive tenure as Montgomery County executive from 1982-1993; perhaps his greatest accomplishment as county executive was successfully recruiting Arcata Graphics/ Bair Ward Printing to locate in the county industrial park, which coup resulted in several other industries moving there in the ensuing years; and

WHEREAS, he also served the State of Tennessee ably as Commissioner of Safety; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Plummer exhibited a sincere love for his community, not only through his distinguished record of public service, but also through his participation in numerous civic activities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Plummer was a 32nd Degree Mason, Shriner with Al Menah Shrine Temple, a member of the Clarksville Chamber of Commerce and Tennessee Sheriffs Association, and an elder and administrator for Clarksville International Church; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Plummer served his country honorably in the United States Navy during the Korean War, and set an example as a person, Christian, and family man that we would all do well to emulate; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Plummer will always be remembered as a man of integrity who continually strived for the betterment of his community, county, and country; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that a segment of State Route 48 in his home county be named to honor Mr. Plummer's memory and to permanently commemorate his bountiful life of purpose and commitment to the greater good; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the segment of State Route 48 (State Route 13) in Montgomery County from such route's intersection with U.S. Highway 41-A in Clarksville to its divergence from State Route 13 at Cunningham and then southward to the Montgomery County - Dickson County boundary is hereby designated the "Joel Plummer Memorial Highway" as a lasting tribute to an excellent public servant and even more accomplished human being.

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the segment of State Route 48 described in Section 1 as the "Joel Plummer Memorial Highway".

SECTION 3. The erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not

render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. This act shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the department of transportation from non-state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this act. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for such signs within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

SECTION 6. The appellation "Joel Plummer Memorial Highway" provided for in this act is for honorary purposes only and nothing contained herein shall be construed as requiring the alteration of any address, or the governmental system for assigning addresses, in any county, municipality, or other governmental entity affected by this act.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.